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1. Bulgarian authorities are trying to ascertain the intentions of the Moslem inhabitants of Bulgaria. The latter were asked to make a declaration as to whether or not they want to emigrate to Turkey. If they desired to emigrate they were required to submit an application together with a fee of 500 leva.
2. The inhabitants of the little village of Makatanase (sic) near Momchilgrad, in all about 200 in number, made a declaration stating that they wished to emigrate. A few days after these statements were submitted the Bulgarian police arrested all the inhabitants of the village. Later all of them were set free, except six of them who were held as being the chief instigators (sic). These six were taken to Northern Bulgaria and put at hard labor. the same thing happened in many Moslem villages.
3. Since about 1 June 1949 the Bulgarian authorities have been gathering up the Moslem orphans of the Momchilgrad area, taking both sexes between the ages of 7 and 14 years. These orphans are committed to special homes opened in Sofia and other towns for the purpose of giving such children a Communist education.

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